

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AUSTIN, TEXAS INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Regional Directors

Directors, Local Health Departments

Directors, Independent WIC Local Agencies

Herman Horn, Chief, Bureau of Regional/Local Health Operations

FROM:

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Division of Public Health Nutrition and Educatio

Bureau of Nutrition Services

DATE:

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SUBJECT: Clarification on purchase of manual breast pumps

The purpose of this memo is to clarify the procedure local agencies must use for purchasing manual breast pumps indicated in memo #99-154. The State Agency is currently in the process of purchasing manual pumps. This purchase should be completed by Summer 2000. Once the State purchase of manual pumps is completed, local agencies will order all electric and manual breast pumps and collection kits from the State Agency.

According to your fiscal year 2000 contract, you cannot use Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) funds for the purchase of breast pumps and collection kits. In order to be reimbursed with food grant funds, local agencies must report and bill the State Agency for the following items:

- Manual breast pumps
 - Purchase good quality manual pumps, like Medela or Hollister.
 - Cost must not exceed \$20.00 per pump.
 - Do not order more than a six month supply.
- Collection kits for electric breast pumps that you have already purchased with administrative funds
- Existing electric breast pump rental agreements. All rental agreements must be terminated when contracts are complete.

Use the following procedures to bill the State Agency:

- 1. Notify Joy Counce by e-mail or fax, joy.counce@tdh.state.tx.us, (512) 458-7441, once the purchase order has been awarded at your local agency. Include the following information:
 - ► item(s)
 - quantity
 - unit cost and aggregate dollar amount
 - date of award of purchase order
- 2. Local agency breast pump costs must be paid and billed to the state office within 90 days of the purchase order date in order to report the food expenditure in the appropriate issue month. This is a USDA requirement.
- 3. As referenced in your FY 2000 contract Section I, item (K) you must identify the number and cost of the breast pumps separately on the face of your claim for reimbursement (State of Texas Purchase Voucher, Form B-13). You may bill for these food costs as part of your normal monthly request for reimbursement in order to meet the required time frame listed above. List the breast pump cost as per the attached example. If billing for breast pump costs as part of your monthly request for reimbursement will jeopardize the 90-day window, you must submit a separate voucher within the prescribed time frame.

All other reasonable and necessary costs required to promote and support breastfeeding must continue to be paid with your local agency's administrative funds. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Breast pump maintenance and sanitation costs. Maintenance costs include the cost
 of preventive maintenance services and repairs for pumps previously purchased with
 NSA funds.
- Space required to store breast pumps and auxiliary equipment.
- The cost associated with providing or conducting breastfeeding training.
- The purchase of breastfeeding aids such as breast shells, supplemental nursing systems, nursing bras and pads.

If you have any questions about the purchase of breastfeeding pumps or supplies, please contact Tracy Erickson at (5 12) 458-7111, extension 3409. If you need assistance with your billing procedures, contact Joe Serrano at (512) 458-7444, extension 7641.

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